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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ROLEX WATCH U.S.A., INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAPETOWN DIAMOND CORP., CAPETOWN
LUXURY GROUP, INC. d/b/a CAPETOWN
DIAMOND CORP., CARL MARCUS and
ROSE MARCUS,

Defendants.

No. C 08-80125 MISC MMC (JCS)

**REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO
QUASH SUBPOENA *DUCES TECUM*
SERVED ON NON-PARTY J. THOMAS
MCCARTHY**

Date: July 25, 2008

Time: 9:30 A.M.

**Honorable Joseph C. Spero
Courtroom A, 15th Floor**

INTRODUCTION

Defendants in this trademark counterfeiting case have served a subpoena on Professor J. Thomas McCarthy ("Prof. McCarthy"), which seeks documents and testimony relating to his expert opinions rendered in two litigations instituted over ten years ago: *Rolex Watch, U.S.A., Inc. v. Michel Co.*, 179 F.3d 704 (9th Cir. 1999) and *Rolex Watch, U.S.A., Inc. v. Meece*, 158 F.3d 816 (5th Cir. 1998). Prof. McCarthy is not a retained expert in this proceeding.

Defendants' Response misstates a number of facts and makes a number of baseless allegations. However, these need not be addressed to determine whether Prof. McCarthy should be compelled to testify. As to the merits:

I. DEFENDANTS SEEK A NEW EXPERT OPINION FROM PROFESSOR MCCARTHY

Defendants claim they do not fall within the purview of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(3)(B)(ii) because they seek only factual information, not an expert opinion. Defendants' Response, pp. 5-6. Defendants' argument that the subpoena seeks factual information, not expert testimony, is belied by the very questions they plan to ask:

(1) whether Professor McCarthy was aware of the 1990 Consent Judgment when he offered his opinions in the *Meece* and *Michel* cases;

(2) whether the provisions of the 1990 Consent Judgment would have been material to the opinions that Professor McCarthy rendered in the *Meece* and *Michel* cases; and

(3) whether knowledge of the provisions of the 1990 Consent Judgment would have changed Professor McCarthy's opinions in the *Meece* and *Michel* cases.

Id. at p. 6.

Defendants essentially want to know if Prof. McCarthy's opinions in *Meece* and *Michel* would change had he known about the 1990 Consent Judgment. This is a classic request for an expert opinion.¹

In an effort to mask their request for an expert opinion, Defendants claim that Prof. McCarthy has been fully compensated by Rolex for his opinion in *Meece* and *Michel*. Defendants argue that there is no need to compensate Prof. McCarthy for his subpoenaed testimony because the subpoenaed

¹ Defendants' assertion that they need to ask Professor McCarthy whether he was aware of the 1990 Consent Judgment is surprising in light of the confidentiality provision in that Judgment. The confidentiality provision, as Defendants well know and as Defendants' Response acknowledges, wholly benefitted Defendants in that it prohibited Rolex from disclosing the existence of the Consent Judgment, which was kept secret until this suit was filed in 2003. Response at 2; *see* Decl. Andersen, Exh. A at ¶ 9.

1 testimony is not an expert opinion. Defendants go on to assert that Prof. McCarthy will be testifying
2 “[at most] to the opinions he has already formulated at [Rolex’s] expense.” *Id.*

3 But Defendants are not just seeking the opinions that Prof. McCarthy has formulated at
4 Rolex’s expense in *Meece* and *Michel*. Defendants already have the opinions that Prof. McCarthy
5 gave in *Meece* and *Michel*. Defendants attached to their Response Brief Prof. McCarthy’s entire
6 expert testimony from the *Meece* case, and excerpts from his testimony in the *Michel* case.

7 **II. THE KAUFMAN FACTORS WEIGH DECISIVELY AGAINST DEFENDANTS**

8 Defendants also argue that the Court should exercise its discretion to deny the motion to
9 compel, citing *Kaufman v. Edelstein*, 539 F.2d 811 (2d Cir. 1976). But Defendants cannot twist the
10 factors recited in *Kaufman* into any justification for their subpoena. Consider how the factors
11 properly apply to this case:

12 Factor 1: The degree to which the expert is being called because of his knowledge of
13 facts relevant to the case rather than in order to give opinion testimony

14 Prof. McCarthy is not being called to give testimony because of his knowledge of facts
15 relevant to the current case. What Defendants want to ask him is whether knowledge of the 1990
16 Consent Judgment would have changed his opinions in *Meece* and *Michel*. Defendants by their own
17 words are admittedly asking for expert opinion testimony.

18 Factor 2: The difference between testifying to a previously formed or expressed
19 opinion and forming a new one

20 Defendants are not calling Prof. McCarthy to testify as to his previously formed or expressed
21 opinions. They are well aware of his previously formed and expressed opinions. *See* Exhs. B and C
22 to Decl. Andersen. By calling Prof. McCarthy to give testimony on how his opinion in *Meece* and
23 *Michel* would be affected by the 1990 Consent Judgment, Defendants are asking Prof. McCarthy to
24 form a new opinion.

25 Factor 3: The possibility that, for other reasons, the witness is a unique expert

26 Defendants want to know if Prof. McCarthy would have changed his opinions in *Meece* and
27 *Michel* had he known about the 1990 Consent Judgment. Defendants argue that Prof. McCarthy is a
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1 unique witness because no witness other than Prof. McCarthy can say whether Prof. McCarthy would
2 change his opinion.

3 Defendants' theory flies in the face of the basic principle that Defendants are not entitled to
4 depose an expert that has not been retained by either party. Moreover, acceptance of Defendants'
5 theory opens the door to requiring any experts for Plaintiff who testified in past litigations to provide
6 expert testimony as to how their opinions would change based on a new set of facts.

7 Factor 4: The extent to which the calling party is able to show the unlikelihood that any
8 comparable witness will willingly testify

9 Again, Defendants argue that because Prof. McCarthy was the only person to offer expert
10 testimony in *Meece* and *Michel*, he is the only possible witness in this case. This argument does not
11 stand up for the same reasons set forth under Factor 3. Defendants have not retained Prof. McCarthy
12 as an expert and they have no right to compel him to give any expert testimony in this case.

13 Factor 5: The degree to which the witness is able to show that he has been oppressed by
14 having continually to testify

15 Defendants claim that it is unlikely that Prof. McCarthy will be continually on call to give
16 testimony because his subpoenaed testimony relates to the 1990 Consent Judgment (which enjoins
17 certain acts by Defendants in the current case). But the principle espoused by Defendants has
18 implications far beyond the specific Consent Judgment involved here. Defendants assert the right to
19 compel an expert for Plaintiff in a previous case to testify as to how his opinions would change in
20 light of the particular facts in the current case. As noted above, recognition of such a right would
21 allow any defendant to compel an expert for Plaintiff in a previous case to testify how his opinion
22 would change based on a different set of facts in the current case.

23 **III. PROF. MCCARTHY HAS THE RIGHT TO CONTRACT FOR HIS SERVICES**

24 As a last resort, Defendants propose that they will pay Prof. McCarthy for the time spent in
25 gathering records and appearing at his subpoenaed deposition. Defendants' Response, p. 10. This is
26 no solution. Prof. McCarthy has the right to contract for his services. He cannot be compelled to
27 provide expert testimony for Defendants just because Defendants are willing to pay for his
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1 appearance at the subpoenaed deposition. *See, e.g., Young v. United States*, 181 F.R.D. 344, 346
 2 (W.D. Tex. 1997) (“[A] professional witness may not generally be compelled to testify as an expert at
 3 the request of a private litigant, as such testimony is a matter of contract or bargain.”); *Agnew v.*
 4 *Parks*, 343 P.2d 118, 763-64 (Cal. Ct. App. 1959) (“[W]e conclude that there is no duty on a
 5 [witness’s] part to agree to serve as an expert witness for one with whom he has no pre-existing
 6 contractual relationship.”).

7 **IV. NO LEGAL AUTHORITY SUPPORTS DEFENDANTS’ POSITION**

8 The cases relied on by Defendants have no bearing on the situation here, nor are Defendants
 9 able to distinguish Plaintiff’s authorities. None of Defendants’ cited cases compelled an expert in a
 10 previous case to testify as to how his opinion would change in light of different facts in the current
 11 case.

12 **V. DEFENDANTS’ DEMAND FOR DOCUMENTS FROM PROF. MCCARTHY IS** 13 **ALSO IMPROPER**

14 Defendants’ subpoena also seeks documents Prof. McCarthy received from Rolex, or read or
 15 reviewed in connection with his expert testimony in the 10 year old *Meece* and *Michel* cases.
 16 Defendants state that “[t]he documentary evidence requested is limited to the information supplied to
 17 and used by Professor McCarthy in formulating his opinions in the *Meece* and *Michel* cases.”
 18 Defendants’ Response, p. 8. The same reasons prohibiting Defendants from obtaining Prof.
 19 McCarthy’s testimony apply to the subpoena’s demand for documents.

20 The Court should therefore quash Defendants’ subpoena for the production of documents.

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CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, the Court should quash the subpoena in its entirety and award Professor McCarthy and Plaintiff their reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in opposing Defendants' obvious and wholly unjustified attempt to circumvent Rule 45(c)(3)(B)(ii).

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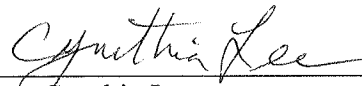
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